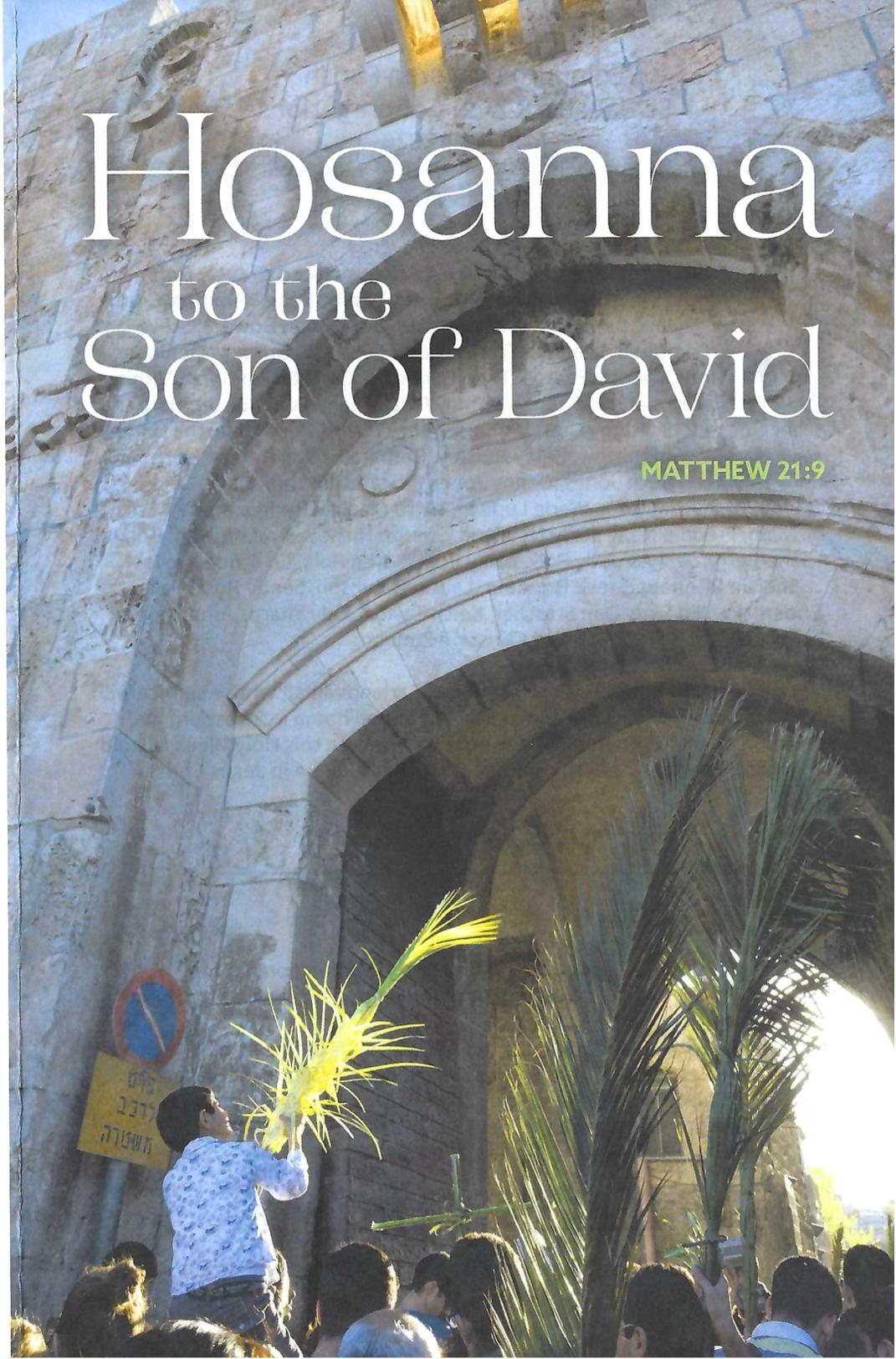


# Hosanna to the Son of David

MATTHEW 21:9



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St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

March 29, 2026

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**Remembering those who have requested prayer:** Donnie

Cook, Steve Baker, James Drake & family, Belle Hamman, Goldie Lam... **and we further remember...**Joan Bowers, Steve

Campbell, Leannah Comer, Keith Cabbage, Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Jim Eastep, Todd Edgerton, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Landon Fadely, Tammy Foltz, Diane Funkhouser, Harper &

Luther Gochenour, Peggy Graff, Podge Green, Terry Grigsby, Martha Harlow, Mike Harlow, Tim Harlow, Betty Helsley, Barbara Hollar, Ronnie Hoffman, Sonny Hovatter, Buck Jones, Danny Jones, Erica & Jim Lam, Dawn Lindhurst, Dave Kosek, Brian Lear, Wade Ludwig, Keith Manich, Bonnie Mason, Erich McMinn, Freddie Neal, Jerry Newland, Sharon Nichols, Anna Nilsen, Bob & Jane Perry, Jerry & Judy Polk, Larry Polk, Karen Polk, Ed & Bea Provost, Sherrie Ritenour, Steve Ritenour, Laurie Robinson, Sandy Ross, Peter Shoemaker, Ed Sine, Dan Strother, Keith Taylor, Judy Tharp, John Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

**We continue to remember the family** of Garland Miller, whose service will be Tuesday, March 31 - 1 PM at Stover Funeral home in Strasburg and visitation one hour prior. May they be comforted on this Holy Week to hold onto the gift of faith that fills us with eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday – April 5**

**6:30 AM – Sunrise Service** with Holy Communion at Zion.

**Easter Breakfast**, with scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, biscuits & gravy will follow.

**9:45 AM - Adult Sunday School** will meet at St. Jacob's.

**11:00 AM Easter Festival Service** with Holy Communion at St. Jacob's.

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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## DID YOU KNOW ?

Solomon says that no one does not sin (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY:** Thank you for joining us for Passion Sunday! We hope you'll stay and enjoy fellowship and a baked potato lunch with us immediately following the service.

**Spring Forward** had a great week celebrating the wonders of the oceans with Professor Mike Williamson. We'll now enjoy a well deserved Spring break and resume on Tuesday, April 14.

**The Wednesday Gatherings of Lent** are over, but thank you to all who participated, brought food, helped with set-up & clean-up. It was a blessed time to be together!

**Wednesday in the Word** Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 PM. Since the weather kept us from meeting before Lent began, we'll pick up our study of the book of James.

**Aluminum Recycle is next weekend!** Thank you to all who contribute so faithfully either by leaving their cans in the cabinet on Zion's back parking lot or bringing them to the truck every first weekend. Every can helps!

**April Council Schedule:** Zion will meet on Monday, April 6 at 5:30. **St. Jacob's** will meet on Monday, April 13 at 6:30.

**Spring Trash Collection:** Pastor Katie has orange bags, fluorescent vests, and pickers if you would like to support **St. Jacob's Women's group** in their annual participation with the SC Spring Clean-Up, which runs through Memorial Day weekend.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** March 31 is the deadline to direct Choice Dollars from the last 6 months.

**Our Blessing Box can be an Easter gift** to our neighbors in need! Thank you Rhonda & Lawrence Funkhouser for stocking it weekly, and maybe you have a great idea for a donation that will be a special Easter surprise for someone. Donations are always appreciated!

**Websites you might want to check out regularly:** Thanks to Nancy Young who keeps our own website always looking fresh & up-to-date! That is: **elpva.org** which stands for Edinburg Lutheran Parish Virginia! Also, the ELCA has remodeled their site at **elca.org**. Check them out!





**Passion Sunday**  
Edinburg Parish Service  
11 AM  
Zion Lutheran Church

**Welcome**

**Palm Sunday Greeting**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Palm Sunday Gospel**

Matthew 21:1-11

**Prayer of the Day**

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the Passion of Your Son, You offer Your endless life to the world.

Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

# 344

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud, and honor to You, redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels is praising You on high;  
Creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before You we present.

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud, and honor to You, redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To You, before Your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To You, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.           **Refrain**

Their praises You accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King.   **Refrain**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **Assurance and Forgiveness**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called, ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, declare to You the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Matthew 21:12-17

### **Meditation**

**Hymn**

# 336

*Lamb of God*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but You have sent Him from Your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.

**Refrain:** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh wash me in Your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

Your gift of love we crucified,  
We laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

**Second Reading:** Matthew 26:1-16

**Organ Interlude**

I Come, O Savior

**Third Reading:** Matthew 26:57-68

**Hymn**

# 348

*Stay with Me*

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Stay with Me'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and' are written below the treble staff. The music features a series of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together. There are some ties and slurs over the notes.

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**Fourth Reading:** Matthew 26:36-56

**Organ Interlude**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

**Fifth Reading:** Matthew 26:57-68



**Hymn**

# 599

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

**Sixth Reading:** Matthew 26:69-75**Organ**

# 349

*Ah, Holy Jesus***Seventh Reading:** Matthew 27:1-10**Hymn**

# 328

*Restore in Us O God*

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

## **Eighth Reading:** Matthew 27:11-31

### **Hymn**

### *Old Rugged Cross*

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

### **Refrain:**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

## **Ninth Reading:** Matthew 27:32-44

### **Hymn**

# 353

### *Were You There*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

**Tenth Reading:** Matthew 27:45-65

**The Gospel of the Lord + Praise to You, O Christ  
Silent Reflection**

**Offering**

Holy God, we offer these gifts today, remembering the joy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the joy we share in His love. As we anticipate the suffering and death of Christ, may we offer these gifts not just with our hands, but with our hearts, reflecting His selfless love and compassion. We pray that our generosity be a sign of our faith and hope, anticipating the resurrection and the promise of new life. **Amen**

**Offertory**

Create in me a clean heart O God  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and  
uphold me with Your free spirit.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord in Your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**



**The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing** The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance  
upon you, + And give you peace. **Amen**

**Sending Hymn # 339** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



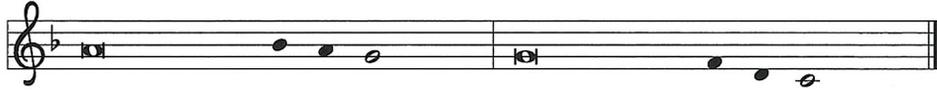
through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

**Dismissal** Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*At the end of the service, everyone is asked to help  
remove the altar clothes, candles, baptismal font...the  
chancel is laid bare as a symbolic reminder of how  
Jesus was stripped for our sake.*



Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I <sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat <sup>1</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup> **For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my <sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me  
because of affliction,  
and my bones <sup>1</sup> are consumed.**  
<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street  
<sup>1</sup> they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup> **Like the dead I am forgotten,  
<sup>1</sup> out of mind;  
I am as useless as a <sup>1</sup> broken pot.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in  
Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form  
of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.  
And being found in appearance  
as a human,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point  
of death—  
even death on a cross.

**Gospel Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard  
the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is <sup>1</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together  
against me;  
they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup> **But as for me,  
I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, “You <sup>1</sup> are my God.**  
<sup>15</sup> My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine  
up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.”**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even  
more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



# Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

## Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted  
on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal  
of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in  
the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
a trained tongue,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens,  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me  
and my cheeks to those who pulled  
out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand in court together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

## Readings for April

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Monday - Psalm 36:5-11  
Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Wednesday - Isaiah 50:4-9  
Thursday - John 13:1-17, 31-35  
Friday - John 18:1-19:42  
Saturday - Romans 6:3-11  
Sunday - Acts 10:34-43 OR Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,  
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John 20:1-18

### April 6 - 12

Monday - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Tuesday - Colossians 3:12-17  
Wednesday - Joshua 3:1-17  
Thursday - Psalm 16  
Friday - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Saturday -  
Sunday - Acts 2:14, 22-32, Psalm 16,  
1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

### April 13 - 19

Monday - Psalm 114  
Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 15:19-28  
Wednesday - Matthew 12:38-42  
Thursday - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Friday - Isaiah 26:1-4  
Saturday - Luke 14:12-14  
Sunday - Acts 2:14, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19,  
1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

### April 20 - 26

Monday - Psalm 134  
Tuesday - Proverbs 8:32-9:6  
Wednesday - Exodus 24:1-11  
Thursday - Psalm 23  
Friday - 1 Peter 2:13-17  
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## Holy Week and Easter

Beginning with nightfall on Thursday we join with Christians around the world to celebrate **The Three Days** of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. It is time to remember the Passover lambs who long ago were sacrificed to spare the children of Israel from the angel of death and how Jesus provided the final sacrifice for us. Jesus now is our sacrificial Passover lamb.

We follow as Jesus shares the Last Supper, journeys to the garden, and endures a crucifixion all because of His dying love of us. We watch, we wait, we ponder, we learn, we anticipate, we pray

....we follow where Jesus leads.

### Maundy Thursday:

This year we invite you to take advantage of one of the opportunities at our Lutheran sister congregations!

**Faith Lutheran – Fort Valley at 6 PM**

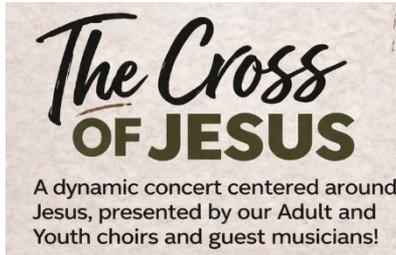
#### **The Seder Meal – Jesus' Passover Supper**

This unique service does include a meal and remembers the Passover Jesus' was celebrating the night in which He was betrayed. Please let Pastor Katie if you would like to attend with her by Monday – noon, as they need to plan for the meal.

**St. Paul Lutheran – Jerome at 7 PM**

They will have a traditional Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion.

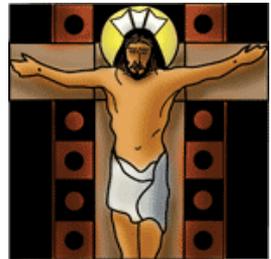
**Emanuel Lutheran – Woodstock at 7 PM** (127 E. High St)



We invite you to join us for our Holy Week concert, centered around the life and death of Jesus. Through powerful storytelling and moving musical selections from artists like Crowder, Casting Crowns, Kari Jobe, Zach Williams, Phil Wickham, and more, this worship experience promises to be meaningful.

We will be joined by special musicians: Holly Ohlin (cello), Angie Vann (piano), Katie Rudnik (flute), Greg Patton (guitar), Bobby Grubbs (percussion), and Ernie Kirch (bass). Free will offering will support our music ministry.

**Good Friday: 7 PM at Zion**  
**The Passion of Christ from**  
**The Gospel of John**  
**Zion Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.**



**6:30 Easter Sunrise at Zion**

Festival Service with Holy Communion,  
followed by a full breakfast.

**11:00 Easter Service at St. Jacob's**

Festival Service with Holy Communion